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EXPORT TO OTHER COUNTRIES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

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(a) whether Indian exports is limited to certain countries only;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the measures being taken by the Government to approach maximum number of countries for exporting of Indian goods; and

(d) the percentage of Indian export in regard to information and technology products to America presently?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI RAJIV PRATAP RUDY)

(a) & (b) : No, sir. Besides the USA, EU and Japan, the destination of India`s exports of merchandise goods include a large number of countries in Asia & Oceania, CIS countries, Latin America, Africa, etc.

(c) : Towards market diversification, Government have launched various programmes/schemes from time to time. An integrated programme `Focus LAC` was launched in 1997, in order to explore new markets and to enhance India`s trade with Latin American countries. Besides this, `Focus Africa` Programme was launched by the Government in 2002 in order to significantly enhance India`s trade with Sub-Saharan African region which inter alia include identification of the areas of bilateral trade and investment between two regions, exchange of industry and trade delegations, holding of exclusive Indian Exhibitions and Fairs, etc..

The Government is also taking measures on an on-going basis for expanding the export basket and for enhancement of trade to countries of Europe which inter alia include Government level interaction through Joint Commissions/Committees, exchange of delegations, participation in trade fairs and exhibitions, buyer - seller meets, seminars, publicity through our missions abroad, interaction with apex trade bodies in India and abroad, etc. Similar measures are being taken with respect to other trading partners.

A Medium Term Export Strategy 2002-07 was also announced this year which includes an identification of focus products and focus markets.

(d) :During the year 2001-02, USA accounted for 57% of India`s total export of Electronic and Computer Software.